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PROPOSITIONS

OF

Both Houſes of PARLIAMENT,

Concerning

The raiſing of Horſe, Horſemen, and Armes, for the defence of the

KING,

And both Houſes of PARLIAMENT,

Ordered by the Houſe of Commons, That theſe Propoſitions be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

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WHereas it appeeres, That the King (seduced by wicked Counsell) intend to make War against his Parliament and in pursuance thereof, under pretence of a Guard for his Person, hath actually begun to leavy Forces both of Horse and Foote, and sent out Summons throughout the County of York, for the calling together of greater numbers, and some ill affected Persons have been employed in other parts, to raise Troopes under the colour of His Majesties service, making large offers of reward and preferment to such as will come in; And that His Majestie doth with a high and forcible hand, protect and keepe away Delinquents; not permitting them to make their appearance, to Answer such Affronts and Injuries as have been by them offered unto the Parliament; and those Messengers which have been sent from the Houses for them have been abused, beaten, and imprisoned, so as the orders of Parliament, which is the highest Court of Iustice in this Kingdom, are not obeyed, and the authority of it is altogether scorned and vilified, and such Persons as stand well affected to it, and declare themselves sensible of these publike calamities, and of the violations of the priviledges of Parliament, & common libertie of the subiect, are baffled and injured by several sorts of malignant men who are about the King some ther-

of, under the name of Cavaliers, without having respect to the Laws of the Land, or any fear either of God or man, are ready to commit all manner of outrage and violence, which must needs tend to the dissolution of this Government the destroying of our Religion, Laws and Liberty, and propriety, all which will bee exposed to the malice and violence of such desperate persons as must be imployed in so horrid an unnaturall an act as the overthrowing of a Parliament by force, which is the support and preservation of them. All which being duly considered by the Lords and Commons, and how great an Obligation lies upon them in Honour, Conscience, and Duty, according to the high trust reposed in them, to use all possible means in such cases for the timely prevention of so great and irrecoverable evils, they have thought fit to publish their sense and apprehension of this imminent danger, thereby to excite all well affected persons to contribute their best assistance, according to their solemne Vow and Protestation, to the preparations necessary for the opposing and suppressing of the Trayterous attempts of these wicked and malignant Councellors, who seeke to engage the King in so dangerous and destructive an enterprise, and the whole Kingdome in a civill warre, and destroy the Priviledges and being of Parliaments, this recourse to the good affections of those that tender their Religion, and just Liberties, and the injoyment of the blessed fruits of this present Parliament, which were almost ready to be reaped, and are now as ready to be ruined by those wicked hands; being the onely remedy left them, under God, and without which they are no longer able to preserve themselves, or those by whom they are entrusted.

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1. They the Lords and Commons do Declare, That whosoever shall bring any proportion of ready Money, or Plate, or shall underwrite to furnish and maintain any number of Horse, Horsemen, & Arms, for the preservation of the publike Peace, and for the defence of the King, and both Houses of Parliament from force and violence, and to uphold the Power & Priviledges of Parliament, according to his Protestation, it shall be held a good and acceptable service to the Common-wealth, and a testimony of his good affection to the Protestant Religion, the Laws, Liberties, and Peace of this Kingdom, and to the Parliament, and Priviledges thereof.

And because a considerable aid cãnot be raised by few hands, and the condition of all mens estates and occasions, is not alwaies proportionable to their Affection; The Lords and Commons do Declare, that no mans Affection shall be measured according to the proportion of his offer, so that he expresse his good wil to this service in any proportion whatsoever.

2. And it is further Declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That whosoever shall bring in any Money or Plate, or shall furnish and maintaine any Horse, Horsemen, and Arms for the purposes aforesaid, shall have their Money re-paid, with the Interest, according to eight pounds *percent*, and the full value of their Plate, with consideration for the fashion, not exceeding one shiling *per* ounce, & shall have full recompence for all their charge, in finding, furnishing, & maintaining of Horse, Horsemen

men, and Arms, and for this both Houses of Parliament do ingage the Publike Faith.

3. And it is ordained, That Sir *John Wollaston*, Knight and Alderman, Alderman *Towse*, Alderman *Warner*, and Alderman *Andrews*, shall be the Treasurers to receive all such Money, and Plate, as shall be brought in for the purposes aforesaid. And that the Acquittances of them, or any two of them, for the Receit of the same shall be a sufficient ground for the Party so lending Money or Plate, to demand the same again with the Interest, and likewise consideration for the fashion of the Plate.

4. It is ordered, That
shall be Commissaries to value the *Horse* and *Arms* that shall be furnished for this service; & that a signification under the hands of them, or any two of them of such values of the *Horse* and *Arms*, and of the time when they were first brought in, shall be a Warrant to demand satisfaction according to the said values, and they shall keep an account of the time, from the first Inrolemen of any such *Horse* & *Horsemen*, That such as finde and maintaine them, may be re-paid according to the rate of 2 s. 6 d. *per diem*, for so long time as they have maintained them in this service. And the Commissaries are to attend at *Guild-hall*, for the receiving and inrolling of such numbers of *Horse* as shall be brought in.

5. It is ordered, That whosoever shall bring in,
Money

Money, or Plat, or ſhall provide and maintaine Horſe, Horſemen, and Arms for this ſervice ſhall do according to their duty therein. And the Lords and Commons doe ingage the Power and Authority of Parliament, to ſave them harmeleſſe from all prejudice and inconvenience that may befall them by occaſion thereof.

6. It is Ordered, That the Members of either Houſe, who are preſent, ſhall be deſired to Declare in their Houſes reſpectively, what Money, or Plate they will bring in, or what Horſe, Horſemen, and Armes they will finde and maintaine.

7. It is deſired, That all ſuch as have their reſidence in or about *London*, or within 80. miles, will bring in their Money, Plate, or Horſe, within a fortnight after notice, and they that dwell farther off, within three weekes.

8. And becauſe every Perſon may not be provided with preſent Money, or with *H*orſe, or not have his Plate with him, which he meanes to bring in, and yet reſolves to contribute his part within the time limited, and that it is neceſſary it ſhould be preſently knowne what the proviſion will be, for the effecting of this great and important ſervice; It is ordered, That the Committees of either Houſe appointed for that purpoſe reſpectively, ſhall receive the ſubſcriptions of ſuch Members of each House, as have not declared themſelves in the House, or are abſent upon

upon the publike service, or for their private occasions. 2. That the Committee of *London* intrusted with the *Militia*, shall receive the subscriptions in *London* and *Middlesex*. 3. That some Persons nominated by the *Knights* and *Burgesses* of each County, and approved by both Houses, shall be appointed to receive the subscriptions in the severall Counties.

9. And lastly, it is Declared, That whatsoever is brought in, shall not at all be imployed upon any other occasion, then to the purposes aforesaid; which are to maintain the Protestant Religion, the Kings Authority, and His Person, in his Royall Dignity, the free course of Justice, the Lawes of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdom, and the Priviledge of Parliament, against any by force which shall oppose them. And this by the direction of both Houses of Parliament.

FINIS.